railway stations as so many wild beasts. More than once we heard threats of killing

and hanging us. Several times I COULD HAVE ESCAPED THE GUARD, but my feet were in too awful a condition to walk. Of course I had no clothing except what was on my back. My overcoat was left behind the day before the battle, and my only bedding was a blanket I pulled off from a dead man on the battlefield after I was captured.

On may way here, in North Carolina, I bought another poor, thin rag of a blanket, and paid \$20 for it; that was at Weldon, Cigars were 50 cents apiece at Weldon, and whisky 82 a drink. Am glad I use neither, Confed money was worth \$5 to \$10 for \$1 of Uncle Sam's money.

River bridge we saw thousands of our poor then Northern soldiers freezing and starving on a wet sand-bar down in the river, known as

All this is to let you know how I happen to be here. I trust you did not see the Philadelphia Press account of the battle, for there I was put down among the list of killed. Libby, bad as they say it is, is still an improvement on being killed.

A flag-of-truce boat leaves to-day for Fortmay send this so, or I may give it to a News from Georgia!" wounded officer who is to be sent North

I can tell you little yet about Libby, only name. They tell me there are 600 Federal | rumor. MARSH.

LIBBY PRISON, RICHMOND, Dec. 10, 163. DEAR JOHN: I write just a line to tell you to be sure and send me a box with some provisious, such as dried beef, coffee, etc.; but put no at 2, money in the box, for the Johnnies go through every package arriving for us and confiscate every do lar found.

When we were first brought up-stairs into Libry, a committee of about 25 prisoners regeived as with yells of "Fresh fish! Fresh fish! Who thinks he's got a good thing of it! Fresh fish! Fresh fish! Who ain't a Copperhead? Tresh fish !"

At the same time we were jerked, hatless and breathless, clear over the heads of the committee to the floor among the other prisoners, amid yelling and laughing.

To day I found out that that ceremony is gone through with on all "fresh fish," or new To day a newcomer got quite mad about it.

LIBRY PRISON, RICHMOND, Dec. 11, 163. DEAR JOHN: To-day I bought of one of the to the James River, with the Kanawha Canal between-the latter close to the prison. The

the rebel guards. There is a line of sentinels about the building, who not only have orders to guard us, but to shoot any prisoner showing himself close to the window. A chivalrous set of fellows, these Virginians are! It is right to say, however, that an occasional officer who comes to the prison to see the Yankee lions, disapproves the outragoods freatment we are receiving. We have more visitors, too, than you would imagine. Almost daily some Confed, of standing, I suppose, is escorted through the prison by Maj. Torner, the commander.

They rarely speak to us, but their eyes tell what they think of us. The very prominent men among the prisoners are pointed out to the

ONE OF THE BIG WIGS here among us is Gen. Neal Dow, the famous Temperance lecturer. He is a little hit of a gray old fellow, with twinkling blue eyes and a pleasant voice. He is treated just like the rest of us. The board where he sleeps on the floor is close to the board where I sleep; for you must know that every fellow has his own board, where he sleeps at night and where his things are piled up during the day. Many of

tolerable chairs of them. At night we pile our chairs up on a rude table made of boxes, provided we have one, roll curselves up in our single blanket, except Where I wo sleep together and double blankets, and when the cry of " Lights out" is heard pro-

ceed to sleep the best we can. When morning comes we take our ration of corebread (cob ground with the grain) down stairs to where the cook stove is, grate the loaf, which is not falf baked, and then make a kind

of pervidge or much out of the nusavary mess, A few boxes of provisions sent the presoners from friends in the North bave been brought into the prison. The lucky recipients have divided generously with those of us who have received nothing. So we have now our much and coffen and opensionally meat, The ration at the best, you may know, is

mighty poor, and not half equal to the shortest army ration ever seen in the North, I want you to send me, per express, via Wash containing sugar, salt, coffee, dried beef, a couple | yer would seem to be in no danger.

COLD AS GREENLAND. My boots happen to be good, and, as I remain in-doors here, I don't much need a hat. My

and see the war ended. I am beginning to make acquaintances here, and find many interestingmen in Libby. We dure write nothing of the war, so on that subjest expect nothing.

too many of them; besides, I have seen some | the and cup that could be gotten hold of, queer spixiles that I know were allowed to The lights were allowed to burn till 11, and North or South, in these times.

I will tell you one thing the Richmond Exemine-does say, though, that is probably true, "The Yankee prisoners on Belle Isle," remarks this beast of an editor, Mr. Daniels, "are likely to kill your dogs and use them for rations if won go too close to the line where they are confined. Let it be so; it is right; it is dog out

Jefferson Davis reads the vaporings of this scouncire every morning at the breakfast-table, and then gets up and puts his name to an offigial accorage, in which he says that, "spite of our business treatment, the prisoners are dying mt a shocking rate."

Did anybody in the wide world ever read such hearthes and outrageons impudence? He, more than any other man, is guilty for what is going on in the South to-day. Some day he will have a rockoning.

Don't forgot what I said about putting money in boxes. I wrote you a long letter Sunday, Hope you got it. Some home papers wouldn't be amiss in that box.

LUDBY PRISON, RICHMOND, Dec. 14, 163. Dran John: I expect you would like to know how we spend our time here, Well, many play cards constantly, and many play chess. That is no intellectual game, and time is not murdered by pursuing it. There are their chances of getting their necks stretched. very many fine players in the prison-one man who has never lost a game, and he has been here six months. Occasionally the chess players of our room challenge those of the room pext us, and the game assumes the interest of 24 hours. Benjamin would need no instruca little bottle. Such a game has been going on tions, and

for two days. Muny read books and old magazines conthose who have a little money can buy by pect nothing else, unless some foreign power sending outside. There is no choice, of course, can be persuaded to interfere and help them and worthless novels are read as much as any- beat us.

seciting to the better admented. One man has shricks I ever read. an old law book, and is committing it to No letters from home in two weeks, except and experiences of Libby Prison.

Some keep careful discuss, myself among the from home, but no letter mentioned it. It is a number, and a few experis with the penknife | thousan * times welcome. spend most of their time carving little trinkets | The notorious John Morgan, the raider, from wood or home. I have made a cross of visited us in Libby to-day; so did Gen. A. P.

heart of the South, and were inspected at Libby souvenir worth having that I will keep Belle Isle a number of the Union prigners all my life.

shoulder-straps being a Copperhead!

More anon,

There are one or two men here who sleep nearly all the time. I think they are glad to be in prison; it rests them. There are also

LIBBY PRISON, RICHMOND, Dec. 16. DEAR JOHN: If you count the windows in the picture I sent you you can tell just about where I am located in Libby. The board of the floor that I sleep on is near the first window, north end of upper east room. I and my messmates have a table made of a pine box. This box answers for table, wardrobe, kitchen, and general magazine.

At night we pile our chairs, made of barrels, on top of it, and so have room to lie down on the floor. Our boots serve us for pillows. We passed Petersburg last night, and this | Strange enough, I sleep well on this hard, cold morning as the train crossed the James theor, except the nights that are very cold, and

IT IS AWPUL TO LIE HERE, hours and hours, awake, chilling, and wishing for daylight to come, that I may get up and walk about. Of course all the prisoners must go to bed and get up together, as the floor is completely covered when all are lying down, The first thing we hear every morning, before daylight, is the lond voice of an old darky, Ben, who peddies the city papers, crying out, Here's your Dispatch," "here's your Examiner and Whig," and "Great News from Lee's ress Monroe, and carries letters North. I Army," "Great News from the North," "Great

That darky's voice is our reveille, and it is a welcome sound. Sometimes he cries out, 'News of Exchange; Prisoners to be Sent North!" but when we see the paper after daythat it is a great big three-story brick ware- light we learn that the exciting headlines of house, owned by Libby & Son; hence the the paper are based on some little grapevine

officers here now. I will write you many No, we have almost given up hopes of exchange. We have been deluded so often, so often. Thank you for the box and the "goodies." Our mess lives some better new, I am studying the Latin grammar you put in the box, and recite to Maj. Marshall every day

> LIBBY PRISON, RICHMOND, Dec. 19, 1863. DEAR JOHN: The following officers are in my mess: Maj. Marshall, Lieut, Austin, Capts. Page and Bascom, and Lieut, Hoffman.

Our dinner to day was corn bread (mighty poor), dried beef, and water. Supper will be the same. There is a Sutler comes here, who will furnish prisoners who have any money provisions at the following prices: Crackers, cents per pound; cheese, \$3 per pound; butter, \$4.50 per pound; whisky, \$75 per gallon.

Col. Streight bribed a goard to-day and got Amen. outside the prison, but the sentinel betrayed him to Turner, the commander, who has put him and one or two others in a dangeon. They call Streight the "Yankee raider," and both | He Belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic. Marsh. fear and hate him.

Dec. 24, 1863. guards the inclosed photograph of Libby. Cost entertainment to-night. All the prisoners who | Marion, Ind., for being a member of a secret | the occasion. One passage in his speech ex-\$5 in Confed money. The prison stands close | could sing or play on an instrument, and there | society-to wit, the Grand Army of the Rerate Christmas Eve performance in the kitchen. tents you see in the picture are the quarters of It was a jolly time, considering the circum- was not granted him, the Rev. N. Wardner, of North are spending this Christmas eve. The sentinel cries "Lights out!" and I must | with the heretic.

> LIEBY PRISON, RICHMOND, CHRISTMAS. DEAR JOHN: My dinner to-day was corn bread, potatoes and water. It is cold outside and it is cold inside. We have little fael, either

for cooking or warming. Some of the prisoners who have money sent out and bought quite a dinner for themselves. There are a certain few prisoners here, wellknown to the rest of us, who live quite well, keep close among themselves, and seem in some mysterious way to be on good terms with the commander of the prison. They are watched closer than they imagine. MARSH.

LIBRY PRISON, RICHMOND, Dec. 30. DEAR JOHN: Gen. Ben Butler has been appointed Commissioner for Exchange of Prisoners, but the rebels say he is a "beast," and won't recognize him; so for the present we may abandon all hopes of exchange or getting

us have cut barrels in two pieces and made The Johnnies have good reason for not liking Ben Butler. He believes them to be traitors, and handles them accordingly. If we prisoners were to stay here 10 years, our prayer would be for more Ben Butlers.

The Johnnies also say they won't exchange men found commanding darkies, in fact, they propose to kill all such at sight; that's the way the Richmond papers talk. So with this and that, nobody knows when we will get out of here, if ever. We make calculations on

The other day, Capts. Sawyer and Flynn, who had been sentenced to death, were released from solitary confinement and put in here among the rest of us. They were to be hung in retaliation for a couple of spies hung by Burn-

Our Government threatens

TO HANG A SON OF GEN. LEE, if Sawyer and Flynn are put to death; and as Lee is reported as saying he will throw up his ington and flag of truce to Richmond, a box | commission if his son is hung, Flynn and Saw-

of flannel shirts, and a blanket. I have no The selection of the e two men for hanging overcost, and the wind comes in through these | was made by lot about the time we first came | The entire detective corps of three provinces to Libby. A but was passed around with bits of paper in it to be drawn out. It was a dreadful kind of lottery, two human lives the stake, cont and pants are strong and good for six of my letters; you make no reference to their headed. Think of that, The Chinese detectmonths, by which time I hope to be out of here | contents. MARSH.

LIEBY PEISON, RICHMOND, Jan. 2.

about. True, we see the Richmond papers | singers were compelled to sit up in hed in the often, but the consorship is as strong on them | dark and sing songs. Never before did the gas it is on us; and nobody of sense would be. New Year come in with such a strange heraldlieve what he reads in a newspaper anyway, ing. I am glad it's all over. My ears still ring with the awful dia.

PRISONERS ARE CHAINED PAST

n the basement for attempting to escape. They missed the New Year's racket, any way. Three others have been put in the penitentiary of North Carolina in retaliation for something done to some Johnny rebs in the North.

re treated like gentlemen and with humanity, not only because it is right, but in the hopes | Yosemite, and is reached by way of Visalia, the that the rebels will treat us decently. It is a | nearest point on the Southern Pacific Railroad, mistaken hope. Slavery has brutalized these from which the distance is about 45 miles, or men. They think it no harm to burn a nigger | by the Kearsarge Pass from the east side of the from Chattanooga,

by their own neighbors.

The rebel Congress is in session, and a dismal drive every man, boy and child into the army. The leaders are getting scared and are very desperate. I think they would sacrifice every above them. bit of property and every man in the Confederacy rather than be beaten, give up, and take When this wicked rebellion does end, as end it must soon, I hope the leaders will be turned over to Bon Butler, and that he may report them "all present" or "accounted for" within

BOPE IS CHEAP,

stantly; just such as they can pock up, or as I am sure these rabid, fire-eating leaders ex-

The editorials of the Richmond papers are Some, a few only, are studying text-books and | well written, but are the most desperate toned memory. Two or three are writing histories the three that came together, and of nearly the same date. A second little bux came, I suppose

bone that would surprise you. It will be a Hill. It is awfully cold, and we suffer. On

The papers say that hundreds and almost thousands of the poor of Richmond are at the half a dozen Copperheads here, who wish they | point of freezing and starving, but the rebelwere somewhere else. They are pretty gen- lion goes on.

erally despised. Think of a man with Union LIBRY PRISON, RICHMOND, Feb. 2, 1864. DEAR JOHN: The prison is cold, dark, and oomy nowadays. We can hardly see to read cloudy weather. The Johnnies have put on that occasion. They gave us no credit ron bars over the windows to prevent our escaping, and yet a man gets away occasionally, We don't know what becomes of him, whether tied up and starved in some prison-hole in the

Our dinner to-day consisted of a blg chunk or brick of cold, half-baked corn bread, nothing more. What do you think of it for coldweather diet? A great lot of boxes that came for us from the North got as far as the prison door, and then were all confiscated by the

Was very sick to-day; fell over in a swoon. Bad diet and cold will yet kill half of the prisoners here. Yesterday three prisoners were shot-one guns." of them seven times-in trying to escape from the island. Killing prisoners has become a

dersonville, according to accounts in the rebel I send this by Col. Powell, who is exchanged. There are 900 prisoners here sick in hospital. Things are getting worse daily. The rations are not fit for dogs, and, besides, we are now in in at the widows and killing us.

SUNDAY, Feb. 7. Five of our comrades died a day or so ago in the prison. So they are going. Two nights ago a tunnel was completed, and 109 prisoners scaped. A number have been caught and brought back. Two are reported killed. I will write all about this escape in another MARSH.

LIBBY PRISON, RICHMOND, March 3. DEAR JOHN: Still no exchange, and we are tired to death waiting. I got a box yesterday, which makes our dinner worth eating. The ration now is a bit of corn bread, two spoonfuls of rice, and occasionally a bit of meat.

"Officers standing near the windows will be of his colored companions, who were also liable to be shot." What do you think of that? I am glad to say the first man killed as result of this inhuman order was a rebel officer of the \$60 per barrel; bacon, \$3 per pound; beef, 95 prison. He was in the prison looking about, He said to them : and, approacing close to a window, a guard mistaking him for a prisoner, shot him dead.

HIS SIN.

The National Conference of the Wesleyan Methodists, in session at Grand Rapids, Mich., I inclose you program of our Libby Prison last week, expelled the Rev. G. P. Riley, of are many such here, helped in getting up a first- | public. Mr. Riley did not deny the accusation, but asked leave to explain, which, however, stances. I wonder how our friends in the Syracuse, N. Y., President of the Conference, declining to hear him further or to fellowship

close. This is not Christmas Eve at home. I of the war as a Chaplain, but his desire to serve | gience, his country in a more energetic way got the upper hand of him, and he raised a company for the 6th U. S. C. T. and commanded it, and much of the time the regiment, until the close of the war. The 6th U. S. C. T. was one of the very best colored regiments in the army. It was raised at Camp William Penn, Pa., from July 28 to Sept. 12, 1863, and was assigned to Paine's Division of the Eighteenth Corps. It was given the right to inscribe on its banners "Williamsburg," "Petersburg," "Chapin's Farm," and "Sugar-Loaf Hill." At Chapin's Farm it lost three officers and 39 men killed, and 11 officers and 150 men wounded. All together, it lost eight officers and 79 men killed; and five officers and 132 men died of wounds,

Col. Riley says that he joined the G.A.R. nine months ago, is not assumed of it, and will take the consequences.

Chinese Detectives. M. Victor Duhasse, a French surgeon stationed at Tonquin, China, says: A Frenchman naturally thinks the Parisian detectives the best, the English swear by the Scotland Yard men, and the Americans, of course, by the New York detectives. After three years' residence in China, I do not think either of the three bodies are entitled to the credit given them. The Chinese beat them all. They are at one time the most expert thieves and at another the most skillful detectives in the world. A Chinaman can steal your watch while you are looking at it, and he can catch the man who stole it if it happened to be some other than himself,

when a French detective could not. I have seen evidences of detective ability among the Chinese which would startle even Zola. It is impossible for an evil-doer to long elude the Chinese detectives. They scent a crime and follow it to the last before civilized detectives would know of it. In a country of said: so many people, who all look alike, this is remarkable. I heard of one case which will serve

to illustrate their shrewdness. A family in Touquin was murdered, and there was no apparent clew to the murderer. were placed upon the case and in three weeks the murderer-none other than the Chief of the Secret Police who handled the see you did not or could not receive several | chase for the murderer-was arrested and beive force is a secret body, and the best organized in the world. They have an eye upon every man, woman and child, foreign or na-DEAR JOHN: New Year's day was spent by tive, in China, and in addition watch each trating. The infantry officer ranked the com- a day on their way to their meals. He was an the men in Libby in trying to keep warm and other. Informers are encouraged, and collain trying to see who could make the most noise | sion is impossible. The head of the Chinese They say all letters sent from or to the prison | by yelling, shouting, singing, cat calls, and by police is not known, but there is one, and a exhausted by the forced march, he had taken a are impacted, but I much doubt it, -there are a tramendous pounding on every pan, pot, ket- very active one too. I have heard that the present head was once an ambassador to a European country, but really do not believe that | tile force he was not in a condition to give the pass, or else were overlooked. The fact of the the outlandish racket was kept up till that anyone knows who he is. There are said to be matter is, we prisoners know nothing to write | hour. Even after we went to bed, the best | over 600,000 men under him and his assistants, who control the various districts.

A Rival of the Yosemite,

[John Muir, in the Century.] In the vast Sierra wilderness, far to the southyet grander valley of the same kind. It is situated on the South Fork of King's River, above the most extensive groves and forests of the giant sequois, and beneath the shadows of don't even treat the privates of their own army | wide, and the stupendous rocks of purplish decently, so the guards told us on the way here | gray granite that form the walls are from 2,500 to 5,000 feet in hight, while the depth of the I saw with my own eyes dozens of Union | valley below the general surface of the mountmen from Tennessee who had been forced into | ain mass from which it has been carved is conthe rebel army, and who had deserted, chained | siderably more than a mile. Thus it appears up, two and two, and treated like dogs, even | that this new Yosemite is longer and deeper, and lies embedded in grander mountains, than the well-known Yosemite of the Merced. time it is having trying to devise means to Their general characters, however, are wonderfully alike, and they bear the same relationship to the fountains of the ancient glaciers

Hammering It In. [Temple Bar.]

The master was giving to a laborer a glass of whisky, and doing so, said : "You'll remember, Corney, that every glass you take is a nail in your coffin." "Well, your Honor," says Corney, "maybe, as you have the hammer in your hand, you'd just drive another home."

The Father's Surprise.

[Mainzer Tageblatt.] Widower (to his little daughter, aged 10)-Dora, do you know that Susanne, our housekeeper, is going to be married? Dora-Oh, I'm so glad we're getting rid of the old pelican! Won't it be jolly? But who is going to marry her?

Father-Well, I am. A Bome Threst. [Aflanta Constitution.] "Six years ago," said the editor, "we struck

this town."

best strength builder.

ARMY ANECDOTES.

(Continued from first page.) that they would on their return to the United States disseminate very favorable reports in relation to the part he had taken in the war. Unforunately they had his share in the action of Buena Vista, blaming him severely for losing two of his guns

for having whipped the best-appointed army in Mexico, 23,000 strong, with our 5,500 men. Most of the party refused to respond be reaches the North or is killed, or, still worse, to the General's invitation to call at his headquarters, but finally two, more curious than the rest, thought they would go and

> "WHAT THE OLD FELLOW WANTED." The General received them in some state, surrounded by his staff, and complimented them on their achievements at Sacramento. Their manner, however, was anything but cordial, and they answered in a contemptuous way, "Yes, we didn't lose none of our

This was rather a stunner for the General, but he rallied and said: common thing at the Island and down at An-"That's right, men; stand up for your

own victory.' To this they replied, to the great amusement of the spectators: "General, you don't know nothing about

fighting Mexicans. You must crowd 'em. onstant danger of some fool home-guard firing | General! Crowd 'em! That's the way." They then walked out of the tent. I was not present myself, but this was the scene as it was described to me at the time

The negro is not usually credited with

wit, although he, too, frequently amuses others by his misconceptions and want of general knowledge. In my experience I can only recall two instances of attempts at humor on the part of our colored brethren. In the advance against Monterey, Mexico, we halted in a grove three miles from the city, while our Engineer officers, supported by the cavalry, went out on a reconnoissance. When the fighting commenced one of the negro servants left camp and went as This order was nailed up in the prison on far to the front as he dared, to see what was going on. On his way back he met several

> going to the front to GRATIFY THEIR CURIOSITY.

"Go right ahead, and down dar at de turn of de road you will find six colored gentlemen waiting for you."

"What do you mean, nigger?" was the reply. "Never mind what I mean. You go right shead. Dey waiting for you." So they kept on until they came upon six turkey-bazzards sitting on a fence. At a 4th of July celebration at Fort Mc

Kavett, Tex., the negro troops had a grand, dinner, and a colored orator was appointed for cited great hilarity. He said: hen all dese brave colored men w to strike for freedom and de Constitution, what | was passed wholly in consequence of did I do? I struck for home,

A negro came into camp during the latter part of the war to apply for rations for his destitute family. He was told that he could Rev. Mr. Riley served during the early part | have them, provided he took the oath of alle-'What am de oath of legia?" he inquired.

"You have to swear to support the Constitu-

tion of the United States,' "Lord bless you, Massa!" he replied, "it is more than I can do to support the old woman and the children.": Another one complained to an officer that he had been told that "derg was provisions in de-Constitution for de colored people, and he had

I never heard of any attempt at WIT ON THE PART OF AN INDIAN. Their idea of humor is some hideous device to torture their enemies; like burying a man alive up to his neck and leaving him to die a slow death. Like the negroes, however, they

not had the first monthful.

sometimes make pecaliar speeches. An Indian in Arizona, whose field of corn had been destroyed by the troops, said to Gen. Crook: "Planting no good! Plant corn, sodger man come along with Lorse and cat 'em un! Plant corn again, and --- -- locust eat | was in a box at the theater one evening with

The officers present laughed heartily, but the Indian preserved an impressive countenance, and was evidently surprised at the merriment

There was an outbreak of the Seminoles just before our civil war began. I was in command of a post at Fort Capron, and several companies of Fiorida volunteers were ordered to report to me, with a view to force the hostile tribe to go on a reservation in Arkansas. One of the Captains of the State troops sent out by me came upon an Indian trail, which led into the Everglades, and proved to be that of a warrior and his family. He tracked them to an island, and came upon them at break of day. The Indian saw that it was useless to resist, so he held up his right hand as a token of surrender; the squaw held up her hand, and the little children did the

"How you do?" "Thanks," was the reply, "my health is pretty good at present. I hope you and your family are well. How would you like to go to General Commanding the Army of having

"Arkansas cold too much!" was the poor Indian's protest, Another Indian incident has a touch of humor in it, and seems to be worth recording:

ABOUT 1854 AN UPRISING OF THE SIOUX was threatened in Dakota and a battalion of infantry and a light battery were bastily sent | cers' mess. The two Captains who preferred to the point where the savages were concenmander of the battery by brevet and was en- accomplished musician, and the moment they titled to the command, but unfortunately, being appeared in sight he struck up the drop too much, so that when the troops reached their destination and formed opposite the hosnecessary orders. The Sioux had on their war paint, and were greatly excited. Some of their warriors were trotting up and down in front of their line with ox-horns full of water, with a | Mahan, who had charge of the Department of view to make a dash at the cannon and put out | Engineering at West Point for so many years, the portfires which were used in those days to fire the guns. At this crisis, when everything betokened a bloody encounter, a gallant young ward of the famous Yosemite Valley, there is a officer, whose name, if I remember rightly, was Fleming, did a very bold thing. He undid his sword and belt, threw them down with his pistols on the grass, walked over to the Sioux and the highest mountains in the range, where the softened them, and they agreed to hold a parley even have no idea sir w canyons are deepest and the snow-laden peaks | half way between the lines and state their | officers the Governor of our State is sending us. We hear that the robel prisoners in the North are crowded most closely together. It is called grievances. A conference took place, which the Big King's River Canyon, or King's River proved satisfactory but the Sinux Chief who roved satisfactory, but the Sioux Chief, who had been scanning the shoulder straps of the day who is a perfect dunce. I ordered that man artillery officer and those of the infantry offi- to draw up the company in a horizontal line, cer who was sitting on the grass in a half unconscious state, asked which of the two ranked. | line." or starve and kill a Union prisoner. They range, It is about 10 miles long, half a mile The interpreter was obliged to confess that the artillery officer with whom the Indian had draw troops up in a vertical direction must be been conferring was only

THE SECOND IN COMMAND. The Indian drew himself up haughtily and officer ordered one of the new levies to get out and did not wish to deak with any sub-chief of regiment at the front. He replied: the whites. The interpreter accordingly roused the infantry officer and said :

"Major, he say be want to talk with you." "Bill, tell bim d-n bim," was the reply. "Guess I better not tell him dat, Major." "Yes, Bill, tell bim d n him; and Bill, tell him that the Great Father who lives in Washington has more troops than the leaves on the trees and will lick them out in short order if for him, he is only known to most of our sol-Bill, and den't forget to tell 'em d-n 'em."

replied, with diguity; of The great white war chief whisky too much"; and peace was maintained. There have been in past times a number of

The Elixir

Of life,' is what my wife and I call Hood's Sarsaparilla. She was in delicate health two years, at last confined to her bed, caused by Dyspepsia and Neuralgia. She has taken three bottles of Hond's Sarsaparilla, and has regained her health and strength, can cat anything without distress." S. STOVER, ex-U. S. Marshal, Charlestown, Jefferson County, W. Va .- N. B. Be sure to get

Hood's Sarsaparilla The best blood purifier, the best nerve helper, the

wits and humorists in the Army, some of whom gained considerable celebrity. I remember one of these, named Forbes Brittan, whose sayings

and doings were a good deal quoted. He enhanced his jokes exceedingly by his perfect command of countenance, and by the gravity of his demeanor. In the beginning of hostilities against the Seminoles in Florida a large formed an adverse opinion in reference to force was assembled at Fort Jupiter, on the eastern coast, and Brittan reported for duty there. Soon after the Chief Quartermaster, Capt. Dusenberry, sent for him and told him that he knew he had had

VERY LITTLE EXPERIENCE, but that, as so many officers were absent or on other duty, he should be obliged to have him ssigned as Post Quartermaster, which would throw upon him the responsibility of several bundred animals, ambulances, and wagons. Brittan played the part of a bashful young officer to perfection. He listened, with his head down and arms hanging by his side, to a long ecture upon the importance of the duties that and devolved upon him, and the necessity of devoting himself heart and hand to the work. At last there was a pause. Brittan raised his head and said: "Capt. Dusenberry, are you entirely

brough?" "I believe that is all I have to say at pres-

"If you are entirely through, won't you have the kindness to sing me a couple of stanzas from the "Star Spangle! Banner!" The Captain was very wroth, and said afterward that he would have arrested him and had him tried for disrespect, but the charges would

so be refrained.

Brittan at times was humorous in action as command of the Division of the Atlantic he went down to Key West to make an inspection of the post. After the military ceremonies leaving. He was most

RESPRCTICL AND DEFERENTIAL in his deportment, but the General noticed that whenever they passed a group of soldiers roars of laughter were heard. He inquired somewhat angrily the meaning of this ill-timed mirth. Brittan answered that it was merely some nonsense of their own, and turned to them and made a gesture of reproof, which added immensely to their hilarity. The fact was that all the time he was conversing so earnestly and respectfully with the General he was simulating a hitch in his gait which was irresistibly ludicrous.

Lieut. Derby, of the Engineer Corps, was, by far, the most celebrated wit we ever had in the Mrmy. He wrote a book of jokes under the pseudonym of "John Phoenix," which was published a long time ago. It had an extensive circulation, but is now out of print. Derby had been sent to California to improve the navigation of the San Diego River, or, as he said, to dam the stream, and he asserted that he had done so mentally in a very effective manner. While he was in California the effect of the gold excitement rendered an officer's salary wholly inadequate for his support. At last Congress passed a law to remedy the deficiency by increasing the pay of the Army. A claim agent who resided in Washington took advantage of this and sent a circular to all the officers interested. He asserted that the bill

HIS PERSONAL EXERTIONS. and suggested that each officer send him five per cent, of the first month's pay under the new law, as a reward for his services. Derby's reply to this was republished in all the principal papers of the United Sates, and created great amusement. It began, as I remember it: MY DEAR CHARLES: I have received your modest request asking for five per cent, on the first month's increased pay, which Congress has been kind enough to grant us, and after deliberating on the matter for five seconds I have come to the conclusion to decline, for the following reasons; In the first place, I do not know you, Charles. You may, for aught I know, be some swindling fellow who, seeing that the bill was about to pass, thought you would levy a little inno cent blackmail on the officers. To be sure, I see by your eard, which my wife has stuck in the cracked ookingglass over the mantelpiece, that you are a general agent and a notary public. I take off my hat to that, for I have a great respect for rank.

see you say that you live opposite the Odd Fellows Hall. Why not move across the street? The letter went on in this way, and ended by saying: "Farewell, Charles; be virtuous and you will be happy. Invest your money judiciously when you get it." In the early days of Saa Francisco Derby

some friends. In a spirit of fun he leaned over and said to a gentleman in the parquet below him: "Won't you be kind enough to poke that man in the light overcoat two seats in front of

you with your cane." THE MAN DID SO. and Derby ignored the whole transaction and left them to settle it. It nearly occasioned a

fight in the theater, as the aggrieved individual of course held the other responsible. Derby in one of his articles said that disappointment had been his lot in life from his earliest youth. When a mere child he went to the theater to see the celebrated actress, Miss Smith, who, although she had advertised that she would appear in two pieces, came out on the stage a whole and entire woman,

There was another man in the old Army, a same. As the officer approached the Indian | Lieut. D-, who was not looked upon as a humorist, but whose eccentricities gave him a good deal of notoriety. He was a brave and capable officer, but too much addicted to censure his superiors. One day he accused the cheated the Secretary of War in the sale of a pair of carriage horses. Two Captains of the 4th Art. took the matter up and preferred charges against him for disrespect and defamation. Pending his trial by court-martial he was confined to a casemate in Fort Monroe which adjoined one that was used for the offithe charges had to pass his window three times

"ROGUE'S MARCH" on his violin, and kept it until they were out of sight. They were very much disgusted, and

complained to the commanding officer, who laughed heartily, but could give no redress. The unconscious ignorance of pretentious people is sometimes ludicrous enough. Prof. told me that when the Army was in front of Petersburg he went there to visit some of his former pupils. It was soon noised about among the troops that the learned Professor who had taught all our great Generals the art of war was in camp, and a good deal of attention was paid him. A volunteer Captain, who had called to your way to fortune. Address,

science. He sent me a Lieutenant the other and he actually drew them up in a vertical

a prodigy. It is said that in the first Bull Run a general' said that he was the Head Chief of the Sioux of a ditch where he was hiding and join his "Oh, yes. I know what you want. You

The Professor thought any man who could

want this place for yourself." Gen. Twiggs had the reputation in the old Army of being very sarcastic. As he resigned at the beginning of the civil war and JOINED THE CONFEDERACY,

who, by the way, did not seem to have any use they don't behave themselves. Tell 'em that, diers by his disgraceful order, issued while he was still in our service, for all the troops under When all this was interpreted the Sioux Chief his command in Texas to surrender immediately to the enemy. Some years previous to this, when he was stationed in New Orleans, rather an eccentric young officer, just from West Point, reported to him for duty. He ordered him to report to the commanding officer in Texas for assignment. About three weeks after this the General, with some members of his staff, met the young man on the street in New Orleans. The following dialog ensued: "Good morning, Mr. S-. Do you know that I was under the impression that I had

ordered you to Texas?" "So you did; so you did, General; but l went down and took a look at those boats which run to Galveston, and I don't think any of them are seaworthy." Most officers would have met so serious an offense by the usual severe penalties, but Twiggs

the young man, shook his hand cordially, and

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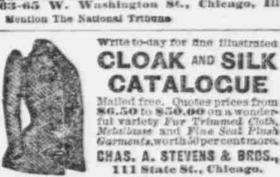
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